AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Insert as the first paragraph of the specification the following <u>new</u> paragraph:

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Applicants desire to begin the national stage examination on the basis of the amended claims annexed to the IPER completed February 10, 2005.

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